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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Briefing of The Honorable William A. M. Burden

1. The Honorable William A. M. Burden, newly appointed Ambassador to Belgium, will be briefed on CIA activities beginning at 1400 hours on Monday, 28 September, in the Director's Conference Room, Administration Building. He will be accompanied by Mr. E. Glion Curtis of the Department of State.

2. Program:

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Time</u> | |
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| <u>Introduction</u> | Mr. Allen W. Dulles | 1400-1415 | |
| <u>DDI Activities</u> | | | |
| National Intelligence Production | Mr. Sherman Kent | 1415-1430 | |
| Current Situation in the Area | | 1430-1500 | 25X1 |
| <u>DDP Activities</u> | | | |
| Area Activities | | 1500-1630 | 25X1 |

3. Administrative arrangements will be handled by

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